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Security Council

Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

10:00 to 13:00 — Closed meeting[1] — Conference Room 7 (NLB)

[1] All troop- and police-contributing countries are invited to attend.

Military Staff Committee

11:00 to 13:00 — 1777th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 9 (CB)

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 7 (NLB)

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

There will be a briefing, convened by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, on the preparations for the 2013 High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, on Tuesday, 3 September 2013, at 12:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). All permanent missions are invited to attend. The briefing is also open to representatives of non-governmental organizations accredited with the Economic and Social Council or the Department of Public Information, with a valid United Nations grounds pass.

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General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

Informal consultations on the further review of the implementation of the General Assembly resolution 61/16 on strengthening of the Economic and Social Council will be held on Wednesday, 4 September 2013, at 10:00 and 15:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

An informal meeting of the plenary to mark the observance of the International Day against Nuclear Tests will be held on Thursday, 5 September 2013, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The meeting is convened under the overall theme "The Path to Zero". A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 24 July 2013, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

There will be no established list of speakers. Delegations will have the opportunity to intervene during the interactive segment of the high-level panel. The meeting is also open to United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media.

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

General debate
(24–27 September and 30 September–1 October 2013)

The provisional list of speakers No. 1 for the general debate of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-3082). The list of speakers has also been sent by e-mail and facsimile directly to the permanent missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are kindly reminded that, in accordance with existing practice at the general debate, a voluntary *15-minute* time limit should be observed and the list of speakers has been prepared on the basis of the agreed *15-minute* statement by each delegation. In order to assist the speakers with the timely delivery of their statements, a light mechanism will be installed at the rostrum.

Delegations may wish to inform their capital on this procedure.

Member States are advised that any changes to the level of representation for the general debate of the sixty-eighth session should be communicated to the General Assembly Affairs Branch, *as soon as possible* (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, Secretariat Building, 30th Floor (room S-3082; or e-mail poliakova@un.org)).

General Assembly

Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing
First session

10:00 to 13:00 — 5th meeting (closed) — Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (A/AC.282/2013/1) [item 2]

   Continuation of discussion

2. Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to the preparation of a report proposing options on an effective sustainable development financing strategy to facilitate the mobilization of resources and their effective use in achieving sustainable development objectives [item 3]

   Continuation of discussion

15:00 to 16:00 — Open meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Briefing, convened by the Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing, on the progress of the Committee's work (pursuant to paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 67/203 of 21 December 2012)

16:00 to 18:00 — 6th meeting (closed) — Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to the preparation of a report proposing options on an effective sustainable development financing strategy to facilitate the mobilization of resources and their effective use in achieving sustainable development objectives [item 3]

   Continuation of discussion

2. Other matters [item 4]
3. Closure of the first session

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2013 substantive session

The 233rd meeting of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, originally scheduled for *today*, 30 August 2013, ***has been postponed*** until further notice.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
Pre-session informal meeting

A pre-session informal meeting of the Executive Board will take place *today*, 30 August 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Immediately following this meeting, there will be informal briefings on the UN-Women strategic plan 2014–2017; the integrated budget 2014–2015; and the thematic evaluation on the contribution of UN-Women to prevent violence against women.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Thirty-second session

There will be closed meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 30 August 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Informal consultation

The Executive Board of UNDP, of UNFPA and UNOPS will hold an informal consultation on the UNDP Evaluation Office programme of work (2014–2017), *today*, 30 August 2013, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other meetings

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Friday, 30 August 2013

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (CB)

Group of 77

10:30 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room A (CB)

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Friday, 30 August 2013

Press Briefing Room (S-237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

Announcements

The agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/67/251 and A/67/251/Add.1 (see document A/67/252* for the allocation of items). Annotations can be found in document A/67/100 and A/67/100/Add.1.

The following agenda items remain for consideration during the sixty-seventh session, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly: items 9, 11, 13 to 15, 20 (a) and (h), 30, 31, 33, 39, 40, 43 to 48, 54, 70 (a) to (c), 94 (b), 106, 107, 110 (a) and (b), 111 (f) , 112, 113, 115, 118 (a) and (b), 119, 121 (a), (b), (i), (p), (q), (s) and (v), 122, 124 to 126, 128 (a) to (r), 129 to 157, 158 (a) and (b), and 159 to 164.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–16 September 2013). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please call 1 (212) 963-5063 (room S-3082). A tentative schedule of General Assembly meetings is also available at the following address: www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/67schedule.shtml.

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

The sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 17 September 2013, and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 24 September (resolution 57/301).

In accordance with resolution 66/124, the High-level Meeting on the Realization of the Millennium Development Goals and Other Internationally Agreed Development Goals for Persons with Disabilities will be held on Monday, 23 September. In accordance with resolution 65/1, the Special Event in 2013 to follow up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals will be held on Wednesday, 25 September. In accordance with resolution 67/39, the High-level Meeting on Nuclear Disarmament will be held on Thursday, 26 September. In accordance with resolution 67/219, the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development will be held on Thursday, 3, and Friday, 4 October.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly was issued on 13 February 2013 in document A/68/50*. The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly was issued on 15 June 2013 in document A/68/100. The provisional agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly was issued on 19 July 2013 in document A/68/150.

The information note for delegations on arrangements for the high-level meetings and the general debate is contained in document A/INF/68/4.

The draft programme of the work of the plenary for the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/922, Section II.

The book of resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly during its sixty-seventh session from 18 September to 24 December 2012 was issued on 11 July 2013 in document A/67/49 (Vol. I).

Seating protocol for the sixty-eight session

On Friday, 14 June 2013, the Secretary-General drew from among the Member States the name of Croatia to occupy the first seat in the General Assembly Hall at the sixty-eighth session. Consequently, the delegation of Croatia will sit at the first desk at the right of the President, and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Realization of the Millennium Development Goals and Other Internationally Agreed Development Goals for Persons with Disabilities (23 September 2013)

The organizational arrangements are described in General Assembly resolution 66/124 of 19 December 2011. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/140 of 20 December 2012, the High-level Meeting will be held under the overarching theme "The way forward: A disability-inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond". Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 17 May, 25 June, 9 July, 15 July and 25 July 2013, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

On Monday, 23 September 2013, the two consecutive interactive round table discussions will be held from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:30. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the indicative list of speakers for the interactive round table discussions are kindly requested to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; room S-3082; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783). Interventions in the interactive round table discussions should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in a national capacity, and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group.

Special event in 2013 to follow-up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (25 September 2013)

The special event, organized by the President of the General Assembly, is held in accordance with Assembly resolution 65/1 of 22 September 2010. The organizational arrangements are described in the letter by the President of the General Assembly, dated 16 July 2013, sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Four interactive round table discussions will be held as follows: Round table 1, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber; round table 2, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB); round table 3, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber; and round table 4, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for the interactive round table discussions are kindly requested to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082; fax: (212) 963-3783), *by Tuesday, 3 September 2013*. Delegations should indicate the level of representation and their preference to intervene in a morning or afternoon round table. Interventions in the interactive round table discussions should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in a national capacity, and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group.

High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament (26 September 2013)

Pursuant to its resolution 67/39, the General Assembly will hold a High-level Meeting on Nuclear Disarmament on Thursday, 26 September 2013. Information on the modalities of the meeting are included in the letter, dated 9 July 2013, sent by the President of the General Assembly, and on the website of the meeting.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for the high-level substantive segments are kindly requested to contact the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, *in writing*, by e-mail (c/o Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org) and Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org)); or by fax (1 (212) 963-5305), indicating the name and level of the participant, and the preferred substantive segment (morning or afternoon). The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with the level of representation and on a first-come, first-served basis. Statements in the high-level substantive segment should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in a national capacity, and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group.

High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (3–4 October 2013)

The organizational arrangements are described in General Assembly resolution 67/219 of 21 December 2012. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 17 June, 17 July and 19 July 2013, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

The list of speakers is now open for the formal plenary meetings to be held on Thursday, 3, and Friday, 4 October 2013, from 9:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in the General Assembly Hall (NLB). Delegations wishing to inscribe are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; room S-3082; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783). Statements in the formal plenary meetings should not exceed *four minutes*.

The four consecutive round table discussions will be held from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, on Thursday, 3 October 2013, and from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 17:30, on Friday, 4 October. Members States are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org) in which round table discussion they wish to intervene. Interventions in the interactive round table discussions should not exceed *four minutes*.

Further information on the High-level Dialogue may be obtained in the note by the Secretary-General on the "Organization of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development" (A/68/162).

High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
First (inaugural) meeting

In accordance with resolution 67/290 and the letter by the President of the General Assembly, dated 24 July 2013, addressed to all permanent representative and permanent observers, the first meeting of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, under the auspices of the General Assembly, which will have an inaugural character, will be held on Tuesday, 24 September 2013, in the afternoon.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
Informal briefing

The Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, His Excellency Mohammed Loulichki (Morocco), and the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), Mr. Jean-Paul Laborde, will give an informal briefing to interested Member States on: (a) Plan of action for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1624 (2005); and (b) Effective role of financial intelligence units (FIUs) in counter-terrorism investigations.

The informal briefing will be held on Thursday, 12 September 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). All Member States are invited to attend.

General Assembly

Committee on Conferences
Substantive session

The substantive session of the Committee on Conferences will be held from Tuesday, 3, to Monday, 9 September 2013, in Conference Room 5 (NLB). The agenda for the session is contained in A/AC.172/2013/1.

The reports for consideration by the Committee are contained in the following documents: A/68/122, A/68/123 and A/AC.172/2013/L.2.

In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32, and amended in paragraph 10 of A/56/32, non-members who wish to participate as observers in the substantive session are invited to send a request in writing to Ms. Liya Zhang, Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (e-mail zhangl@un.org).

The upcoming substantive session of the Committee on Conferences will be held in paper-smart mode. Accordingly, instead of distributing hardcopies of documents in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the website of the Committee on Conferences. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the website. In addition, a print-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Committee and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room.

Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law
Informal briefing

There will an informal briefing, chaired by the Chair of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, on Thursday, 12 September 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB). The briefing is open to all Member States.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
Second regular session 2013

The second regular session 2013 of the Executive Board of United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) will be held from Monday, 16, to Wednesday, 18 September 2013, in Conference Room 3 (CB). The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2013/L.4. To consult advance copies of documentation for the session, please *click here*.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the list of speakers (e-mail stefania.letta@unwomen.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 10 September 2013*. Delegations are requested to indicate each item of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming second regular session 2013 will be PaperSmart. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal. Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart.eb@unwomen.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session. A printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Second regular session 2013

The 2013 second regular session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from Tuesday, 3, to Friday, 6 September 2013, in Conference Room 3 (CB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work is contained in document E/ICEF/2013/19. To consult advance copies of all documentation for the session, please *click here*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2013 second regular session of the Executive Board will be a PaperSmart session. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website.

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (powerpoints and statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn: Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the Executive Board website.

A printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Informal briefing

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on children and the post-2015 agenda on Wednesday, 4 September 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 3 (CB). All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Second regular session 2013

The second regular session 2013 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 9, to Friday, 13 September 2013, in Conference Room 1 (CB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and tentative workplan of the session is contained in document DP/2013/L.3.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member), as well as any requests to be subscribed to the speakers list, indicating the item under which they will be intervening, to the secretariat of the Executive Board by e-mail (marcela.romero@undp.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 3 September 2013*.

The second regular session 2013 will be PaperSmart, meaning that instead of distribution hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the PaperSmart Portal of the Executive Board.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level) (monthly meeting)

Monday, 16 September 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (Twelfth Annual Ministerial Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Monday, 30 September 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Opening of the exhibit entitled "Peace now: Abolish nuclear tests and weapons" (on the occasion of the International Day against Nuclear Tests) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information)

Wednesday, 4 September 2013, at 18:00, in the Main Corridor on the First Floor of the Conference Building.

[All are invited to attend. The exhibit will be open until Sunday, 8 September. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan (e-mail itilegen@yahoo.com; tel. 1 (212) 230-1900, ext. 322).]

Panel discussion on "The role of charity in poverty alleviation and eradication and in promoting access to clean water and sanitation" (on the occasion of the International Day of Charity) (General Assembly resolution 67/105) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Hungary, with the support of the Department of Public Information)

Thursday, 5 September 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Hungary (e-mail evaschafer@mfa.gov.hu; tel. 1 (212) 660-7937).]

UNITAR/DOALOS Seminar on Law of the Sea (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) New York Office and the Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea (DOALOS), Office of Legal Affairs)

Wednesday, 11 September 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

[All delegates are invited to attend. To register, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org).]

UNITAR general briefing for new delegates on the work of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly (organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) New York Office)

Thursday, 12 September 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB); and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Rooms A (CB) and B (CB);

Friday, 13 September 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber; and

Monday, 16 September 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

[All delegates are invited to attend. To register, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org).]

Briefing on "Every woman every child movement" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh, Sweden and Zambia)

Thursday, 12 September 2013, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Karin Nilsson Snellman, Permanent Mission of Sweden (e-mail karin.snellman@gov.se; tel. 1 (212) 583-2510).]

UNITAR/ILO Seminar on "Advancing social protection floors — Module III: Real-world implementation issues" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) New York Office and the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Friday, 13 September 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room D (CB).

[All delegates are invited to attend. To register, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Conference of the Parties
Eleventh session
Windhoek, Namibia
16–27 September 2013

The eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 11) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and the meetings of its subsidiary bodies will be held from Monday, 16, to Friday, 27 September 2013, at the Windhoek Country Club Resort, in Windhoek, Namibia.

It is proposed that COP 11 be divided into three segments. During the initial segment from 16 to 20 September, negotiations will be devoted to the work of the eleventh session of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST11), the twelfth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC12) and to other major issues included in the programme of work of the COP.

At the opening session of the COP11, scheduled on Monday, 16 September 2013, at 15:00, in accordance with past practice, a limited number of speakers representing major groups of States, the United Nations, its specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, regional and other interest groups and non-governmental organizations, will have an opportunity to address the Conference.

The meetings of the COP subsidiary bodies will be held from 17 to 20 September (CST11) and from 17 to 26 September (CRIC12) at the Conference venue, in Windhoek, Namibia. The CST11 session will open at 10:00 on Tuesday, 17 September, and conclude at 18:00 on Friday, 20 September. The CRIC12 session will open at 15:00 on Tuesday, 17 September, and conclude at 13:00 on Thursday, 26 September.

The high-level segment will be held on 23 and 24 September 2013. Special statements on behalf of regional and interest groups will be made on Monday morning, 23 September. Following the opening of the high-level segment, there will be two interactive round table dialogue sessions. Round table 1 would be in the morning, on the topic "Role of the UNCCD in achieving a land-degradation neutral world in the context of sustainable development". Round table 2 would be in the afternoon, on the topic "Overcoming the hurdles of scaling up and disseminating good practices in the context of the UNCCD implementation process".

On Tuesday, 24 September, the third interactive round table dialogue session would be held in the morning, on the topic "Economics of desertification/land degradation and restoration: Considering cost-benefit analyses for scaling up investments in avoiding land degradation and restoring/regenerating degraded land". The high-level segment would conclude on Tuesday afternoon with a ministerial discussion on the way forward and on the topic "Capitalizing on achievements and enhancing the implementation of the UNCCD and The Strategy at country and regional levels".

The last day of the session will be devoted to the adoption of decisions on any outstanding issues.

The annotated provisional agenda, proposed organization of work and documentation for the sessions, contained in documents ICCD/COP(11)/1, ICCD/COP(11)/CST/1 and

ICCD/CRIC(12)/1, are available on the UNCCD website. Additional information on the COP11 sessions is available on the above mentioned website and on the website of the host country (*click here*).

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States each year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The 2013 language-specific informational meeting in Chinese will be held on Tuesday, 3 September, from 10:30 to 12:00 (in Conference Room AB-619, Albano Building).

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in room DC2-1142, in English (unless otherwise indicated), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*); or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 5 September 2013;

Wednesday, 11 September 2013;

Thursday, 3 October 2013;

Monday, 7 October 2013 *(French)*; and

Friday, 11 October 2013 *(Spanish)*.

Research from political, intelligence and military databases (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 10 September 2013.

General Assembly documentation (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 12 September 2013;

Thursday, 26 September 2013;

Thursday, 10 October 2013;

Monday, 14 October 2013 *(French)*; and

Friday, 18 October 2013 *(Spanish)*.

Introduction to subscription databases and resources (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 15 October 2013.

Introduction to United Nations budget documents (from 15:00 to 17:00)

Thursday, 17 October 2013;

Friday, 8 November 2013;

Friday, 22 November 2013; and

Wednesday, 4 December 2013.

Country and map resources for the United Nations community (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 22 October 2013.

United Nations Bibliographic Information System (UNBISnet) (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 24 October 2013.

Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (Article XIV)

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty will be held on 27 September 2013, at United Nations Headquarters.

The Conference will convene on Friday, 27 September 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB).

Credentials (ratifying States only)

Ratifying States are reminded that credentials should be issued for their representatives and the name of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (CTBT-Art.XIV.2013/1). The credentials should be submitted, *no later than Friday, 6 September 2013*, to Mr. Valere Mantels, Conference Secretariat, Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch, Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA) (e-mail mantels@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9254; room S-3132).

Composition of delegations (signatory and other States, intergovernmental organizations)

Signatory and other States, as well as specialized agencies, related organizations and intergovernmental organizations attending the Conference, are requested to send the composition of their delegations to the Conference Secretariat (see above), as soon as possible, *but no later than Friday, 13 September 2013*. To facilitate the preparation of the list of participants, electronic copies of the composition of delegations (Microsoft Word format only) should be sent by email to tan1@un.org.

List of speakers

The provisional list of speakers for the general exchange of views by ratifying States and signatories will be open on Friday, 6 September 2013. For enquiries, please contact Mr. Hong Tan, Office for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-7062; fax 1 (917) 367-1767; room S-3135).

Participants wishing to distribute copies of their statements are requested to provide 300 copies of their official statements for distribution in the conference room. The United Nations Secretariat does not provide photocopying services.

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Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 29 August 2013

Security Council

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7025th meeting *The situation in the Middle East*

Letter dated 31 July 2013 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2013/457)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Israel, Lebanon and Spain to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2013/511, submitted by France and Spain.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2013/511) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2013/511) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2115 (2013).

[archived video]

7026th meeting *Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)*

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (S/2013/444)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Serbia to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Farid Zarif, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Enver Hoxhaj to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Farid Zarif via video-teleconference from Pristina.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Ivan Mrkić, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Serbia.

The Council heard a statement by Mr. Enver Hoxhaj.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Morocco, Rwanda, China, the Russian Federation, Togo, the United Kingdom, Luxembourg, Azerbaijan, France, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Australia and Guatemala, and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the representative of Argentina.

7027th meeting (closed) *Implementation of the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2010/507)*

Wrap-up session

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 7027th meeting, held in private on 29 August 2013, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'Implementation of the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2010/507)'.

"The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Armenia, Austria, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the representatives of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations and the African Union to the United Nations.

"The President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the representative of the International Organization of La Francophonie to the United Nations, to participate in this meeting.

"In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation to the representative of the Observer State of the Holy See to the United Nations to participate in this meeting.

"In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation to the representative of the Observer State of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in this meeting.

"The members of the Council had an exchange of views."

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

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97th plenary meeting

Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly: Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly (A/67/936) [item 116]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 116.

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution contained in paragraph 79 of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly (A/67/936) (resolution 67/297).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 116.

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [item 117]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 117.

The General Assembly decided:

(a) To reaffirm the central role of the General Assembly on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council;

(b) To immediately continue intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform in informal plenary of the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session, as mandated by General Assembly decisions 62/557 of 15 September 2008, 63/565 of 14 September 2009, 64/568 of 13 September 2012, 65/554 of 12 September 2011 and 66/566 of 13 September 2012, building on the informal meetings held during its sixty-seventh session, as well as the positions of and proposals made by Member States, while welcoming the active engagement, initiatives and intensive efforts of the President of the General Assembly, and taking note of the previous proposals of the Chair of the intergovernmental negotiations, and noting with appreciation his active role and concrete efforts, including the preparation of the

text reflecting the positions of and proposals submitted by Member States, with a view to an early comprehensive reform of the Security Council;

(c) To convene the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council during the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly if Member States so decide; and

(d) To include in the agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly an item entitled "Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council".

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 117.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *August 2013* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Equatorial Guinea
His Excellency Anatolio Ndong Mba

Asia-Pacific States:
Singapore
Her Excellency Karen Tan

Eastern European States:
Romania
Her Excellency Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
His Excellency Jorge Valero Briceño

Western European and other States:
Israel
His Excellency Ron Prosor

Security Council

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